

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Winger
February 10, 2014**

Council Members present:

The Honorable Mayor Cheryl Wang
Bonnie Olson, Nick Geray, Byron Kaupang, Lori Lucken

Council Members absent:

none

Guests present:

Ashley Hand from the McIntosh Times

Maintenance Personnel present:

Ron Locken

City Clerk/Treasurer present:

Jennifer Frohrip

The regular meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Wang at 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the January 13th, 2014 meeting:

Nick motioned to approve the minutes of the January 13th, 2014 meeting, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Maintenance Report:

Annual Pumping Report to the MN DNR was been sent off
gallons of water used in 2013 were 7,921,000
have been cleaning out hydrants
a new heater unit has been installed in the pump house however a kit for it is on order, discussion of whether or not the new unit will be big enough
discussion of January 31st letter from the MN Department of Heath giving results of the last two quarters of water monitoring, MDH will monitor for two more quarters and then the City can go over their findings
Widseth, Smith and Nolting will be putting in a new water line by Teresa Benbo's, this will be after it thaws and they will keep in touch with Ron

Financial Report:

The City received a letter from Hoffman, Dale & Swenson stating that the 2013 audit will begin on February 28, 2014 and the report will be issued in April, 2014.
On February 5th the City received an insurance check for \$350.00 due to the Fire Dept. being called to a fire at the residence.
So far this winter season the City has spent \$200 more for propane than they did in the total 2012 – 2013 winter season.
2013 finances were as follows:

| | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> | difference |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| General Fund | (\$64,338.86) | (\$49,466.68) | \$14,872.18 |
| Debt Service Fund | \$141,463.01 | \$158,834.80 | \$17,371.79 |
| Enterprise Water Fund | \$18,744.01 | \$ 24,350.96 | \$ 5,606.95 |
| Enterprise Sewer Fund | \$39,463.36 | \$ 42,921.33 | \$ 3,457.97 |

Claims:

Lori motioned to approve claims 18049 – 18060, Nick seconds, motion passes.
Nick motioned to approve claims 18061 – 18075 and 18077, Byron seconds, motion passes.

Fire Dept. Report:

Lori motioned to approve the 2014 Fire Dept. Officers as Fire Chief, Scott Revier; Asst. Fire Chief, Steve Massmann and Secretary, Mike Thompson, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Winger Renewal Authority Report:

WRA did not meet in January. The Welcome to Winger sign on the south end of town blew down. The sign is now in the Community Center. Jennifer will talk to Kathy Iverson to see what warranty information she has on the sign and contract Russ Lewis Signs to have them come out to put the sign back together but also to make it sturdier than it was before. Jennifer will also look into the WRA file in the clerk’s office to see what legal means were required to originally set up the WRA.

Old Business:

Lori motioned to approve the City paying the expenses and legal fees to transfer ownership of parcel 94.00053.01 (Winger Memorial Park) from Winger Township to the City of Winger, Nick seconds, motion passes.

Everyone is to study the McIntosh plan of selling city property and be ready to discuss it at the March meeting.

Jennifer is still gathering information on what the City of Winger’s options are when dogs are running loose in town. Mary at the Crookston Humane Society has been very helpful. Will discuss again at the March meeting.

New Business:

City will discuss having a float in the McIntosh parade on 07/05/2014 at the March meeting. Jennifer will call Calvin and let him know that the bleachers at the baseball field can be used at their parade.

General consensus was that there is no need to purchase an extended warranty on the Amanda range in the Community Center.

The City of Winger has \$16,208.52 in a restricted account from rehab payments to the City. Ken Buchanan at Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority will be contacted to see if perhaps some of this money could be used for a residential rehab using the current letters of interest that John Wynne has received.

Adjourn:

Mayor Wang adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Mayor

City Clerk

